



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

January 19, 2017

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox
Kris Hamlet
Jill Love
Jake Murakami
Richard Gonzalez
Alan Griffin
David Clark
Melissa Fromm

Lindsey Kneuen
Mark Thomas
Vikram Ravi
Joel Moriyama
Chris Bray
Stan Penfold
Rep. Becky Edwards

Visitors:

Adam Plitt

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard
Karrie Beardall
Greg Bates
Kate Hulme
Ruqia Qasim
Corynn Benoit
Mary Buehler

WELCOME

Motion to approve September minutes made by Alan Griffin. Seconded by Stan Penfold. Vote carried unanimous.

Chris Bray started off the meeting by welcoming everyone, and our new commissioners: Rep. Becky Edwards, DHA's executive director Jill Remington Love, Vikram Ravi from BYU, and Richard Gonzalez from the Utah System of Higher Education. Stan Penfold gave the official nomination for Debbie Hardy to be the new commission chair, and Lindsay Kneuen seconded that. All commissioners were in favor of this decision. There are five more vacancies for new commissioners. More information on this will be announced on the next commission meeting. Joel Moriyama will be leaving the commission to take on a new role with the LDS church. He is the new manager for Bishop's Store House and Welfare Square.

LaDawn gave updates on Community Engagement, and National Service. For Community Engagement: this year, we've had a great deal of grant applications for MLK day. We are expecting reports from the grantees in a couple of weeks, so we will have updates on those in our next meeting. For National Service: On Jan 24th, Dialogues in Action will be coming in to do an evaluation training; an impact evaluation training for all of our AmeriCorps programs. They will be helping our programs develop a plan for data collection, in which programs will use that to inform program improvement. National Service Day on the Hill is on Feb 9th. The Day on the Hill event helps educate legislators on what is happening in the National Service world. Our AmeriCorps state programs are involved, as well as the Senior Corps and vista programs. We will be doing an AmeriCorps member gathering at the Zermatt Resort on March 22nd.

The competitive application process was finalized and all grants were submitted on Jan 18th. We have five grants that are competitive. Playworks, Read.Graduate.Succeed, and Utah Conservation Corps are in continuation mode,

which means that they're in their second or third year of the three year grant cycle. Salt Lake County Homeless Program, and the Association for Utah Community Health program are new to the competitive grant process.

LD spoke briefly about the policy recommendations document. This document contains policies and strategies at the National Service level. These recommended policies have to do with how the federal agency that oversees our funding interacts with state commissions. LaDawn has submitted this document to Senator Hatch's office, and is awaiting a response.

Next, LaDawn went over the strategic plan. Through conversation with the strategic planning committee, the strategic plan was condensed down to two main focus areas: National Service and Community Engagement. Disaster Service has been consolidated under National Service as one focus area. The focus areas were removed from the strategic plan but they do still exist. The strategic plan now contains a focus on our three objectives that we are trying to accomplish: Build and & Cultivate Capacity, Promote & Inspire, and Recognize.

LaDawn walked the commissioners through a PowerPoint presentation about the strategic plan. Here are some highlights of that presentation: our goal under build and cultivate, is to provide successful trainings statewide, and that encompasses all trainings (trainings for our National Service program, Volunteer Management trainings, and Disaster Service Spontaneous Volunteer Management trainings). Anna decker will be working with Service Enterprise to bring in trainings that will help organizations over a series of several months. These trainings will focus on helping volunteer coordinators on how to use volunteers on an intermediate level.

One of the main differences that is seen in this strategic plan is that it previously had a lot of measures and metrics, and we did not do that this time. Those will be determined at the committee level and working groups in determining what those targets are.

Both committees for Community Engagement, and National Service had a quick meeting with their members. Each committee had to discuss the strategic plan, review it, and provide feedback by the end of the meeting. They also had to discuss of when committee meetings will take place from now on. This comprised the majority of the rest of the meeting.

A vote for the implementation of the plan was taken at the end of the meeting. Stan Penfold motioned to approve the strategic plan with minor edits, and Chris Bray seconded that. Vote carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

United way has released their community support grants for nonprofits. More information on this can be found at www.uw.org/partners

The Google Community Leaders Program has been doing a lot of design thinking research on different digital inclusion solutions in the Utah Valley. Vikram Ravi can provide more information.

The Cotopaxi Refugee Coding Project has moved from DWS to IRC. It will be launching in a couple of weeks with a technology mentor component added to it.

WRAP-UP

LaDawn will send out an email to everyone requesting any edits for the Strategic Plan.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Bray, seconded by Stan Penfold. Motion carried unanimously.